1990 depending on the banks fulfilling RBI's norms for branch licensing and other procedural aspects for opening new banks.

Discrimination in the matter of granting exemption from capital gains tax

1952. DR. YELAMANCHIL SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IDBI is exempted from Capital Gains Tax whereas Andhra Pradesh State Financial Corporation and Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation, which perform similar functions, are not getting any such exemption; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Under Section 35 of the Industrial Development Bank of India Act, 1964, the IDBI has been exempted from payment of income tax, super tax, super profits tax or any other tax in respect of incomes, profits or gains accruing or arising to them. Such statutory exemptions do not exist in respect of State Financial Corporations and State Industrial Development Corporations. IDBI as the apex financial institution and refinancing agency for various State Financial Corporations and State Industrial Development Corporations, functions as the principal financial institution for coordinating in conformity with national priorities, the working of institutions engaged in financing, promoting or developing industry, for assisting the development of such institutions and for providing credit and other facilities for development of industry. Moreover; the net profits of the IDBI from its general fund are transferred to the Central Government.

Functioning of the Tobacco board

1953. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint from more than 20 Congress (I) Legislators of Andhra Pradesh Assembly in the recent past against the functtoning of the Tobacco Board; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what remedial steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allegations which related to unwanted restrictions on the number of buyers on auction platforms and exploitation of farmers have however, not been substantiated. Some of the legislators have subsequently informed that they had signed the memorandum without verifying the facts and one MLA wrote that he had not signed the memorandum. After examining the points raised in the memorandum it was found that no action was required on the memorandum.

Practice of holding reserve funds by State Bank of Indore

1954. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the practice of holding reserve funds by State Bank of Indore is still in vogue;

(b) if so, whether Government have issued and guidelines regarding the use of these reserve funds by the Bank;

(c) whether for the purpose of audit of bank accounts these reserve funds are taken into account and their proper utilisation is ensured; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) In accordance with Section 17 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, every Banking Company incorporated in